

# Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 10 November, 2016

**Present:** Councillors, Colby (Chair), Simmance, White, Maddison and Tait. Clerk - Martin Chilvers.

**1. Apologies:** There were no apologies

**2. Declarations of Interest:** There were none raised

**3. Minutes of the previous Ordinary meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

## **4. Matters arising**

- a) Relocation of 30mph sign location – The Chair provided details of the meeting she and Cllr Tait had with Neil Snowdon (NCC). It was a very positive meeting as the Cllrs took Mr Snowdon around the village. He has agreed that Elsdon would benefit from appropriate signage in the correct locations and will investigate what he can do. He has suggested the Parish Council make contact with Cllr Bridgett as he may have 'local project funds' that can be used. Mr Snowdon has promised to investigate and update on the relocation of the 30mph signs as well possibly introducing rumble strips on the road approaching the speed restrictions and replacing the broken 'Elsdon' sign. It was agreed not to proceed with a 20mph limit around the village green.
- b) BT Openreach wayleaves – The Clerk confirmed he had sent further paperwork to BT Openreach and that a one-off wayleave of £90.20 should be received in due course.
- c) Winter's gibbet – A letter from Mr Dower in response to the Chair's letter was discussed by the Cllrs. Consideration was given how best to proceed as there appeared to be no objection from the family for the replacement of the 'head'. The possibility of completing a Listed Building Consent was discussed as well as raising the profile of the matter.

Cllr Simmance advised that it was reported someone had been hit by firework paper at the recent firework display. There was no injury but it was agreed that the incident would be considered when next year's event risk assessment was being developed.

Cllr Maddison reported that work on the church had almost been completed. Money had been saved on the floor as concrete was found under the wooden floor. The headstones that had been moved are due to be reset shortly. Lanterns are to be added in appropriate locations.

## **5. Finance:**

- a) Finances update in preparation for setting 2017-18 precept: The Clerk provided details of finances for the financial year to date and forecast through to 31 March, 2017.
- b) Donation request from Great North Air Ambulance: A donation of £50.00 was agreed.
- c) Donation request from Tyneside Hospice: A donation of £50.00 was agreed.

## **6. Planning:**

- a) There were no planning applications this month.

## **7. New business:**

- a) Parish & Town Council Planning Training – The Cllrs all advised that they were unavailable to attend.
- b) Ray Wind: Cllr Simmance provided his thoughts on the progress of the steering group for Ray Wind Farm. The Clerk provided an update having attended the final Ray Wind Community Liaison Group meeting. All 16 turbines have now been installed and due to be connected in December to be operational from early 2017.
- c) HLF Revitalising Redesdale update: The Chair provided details from a meeting she attended on 8 November. The projects submitted were discussed by the Project Board and the Chair confirmed it was a

positive meeting but the success of the projects finally chosen would rely heavily on volunteers. The Chair also highlighted the photo competition that remains open until 30 November.

- d) Police & Crime Plane – meeting and survey monkey: The Clerk provided details how people could access the survey to provide comments and feedback.

**8. Any other business:**

- a) Cllr Tait advised she had spoken to NCC regarding the concern that the mobile library service may soon be removed. An initiative of 'pub is the hub' was discussed with the Bird in Bush being highlighted as a possible location for a library service should be mobile library service stop. Cllr Tait advised Katie Bland had provided a positive response when raised.
- b) Cllr White highlighted that overgrown trees were hiding the road signs along the Raylees road and that the ditches along the same road still needed clearing.
- c) The Chair spoke of correspondence received from Mr Ivan Dunn in respect of turf allegedly being taken from his driveway at his previous property, Red Hall. It was agreed by the Councillors it appeared from the details provided it was not a matter for the Parish Council to become involved. It was felt Mr Dunn needed to speak with the Red Hall neighbours in an attempt to resolve the situation.
- d) The Chair referred to an email the Clerk had recently received. A walker visiting Elsdon and walking on a recognised footpath was bitten by a dog and confronted by someone telling him he was a landowner.
- e) Cllr Simmance highlighted that the NCC Core Strategy plans were now available online to comment.

- 9. Date, time and place of next meeting**: The next meeting will be on 8 December, 2016, starting at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Elsdon

Meeting closed at 9.50pm